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First of These Institutions Has Been Opened Under Auspices of Washington Boys' Club Association.

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Contributions of Books, Games, and Cash Solicited—Rooms Free to Lads It Is Desired to Reach.

Under the caption, "It costs \$120 per year to care for a criminal in the jails and penitentiaries," the newly organized Washington Boys' Club Association has issued its first public announcement of the aims and purposes of the organization as follows:

"The problem of reducing to the minimum the recruiting of the criminal classes from the rising generation is one especially meriting the serious consideration of the thoughtful members of every urban community. One means of counteracting the evil influences that assault poor and neglected children, reared commonly in immoral and material surroundings, is the establishment of a character and a menace to society, is the Boys' Club.

"Under the auspices of the National Boys' Club Association of Massachusetts, the Washington Boys' Club Association has been organized and the first club of the local body established at Thirty-first and M Streets (Georgetown), other clubs in localities not covered by any similar work to follow as soon as support and workers are provided by the people of Washington. This work should and will be carried on in cooperation with the Young Men's Christian Association and Junior Republic movement as far as practicable, and in perfect harmony with the plans and purposes of those older philanthropies.

Club Absolutely Free.

"The club is absolutely free to the boys of the class it seeks to reach, and is open each evening, except Sunday, from 7 to 9 o'clock. A salaried superintendent with two assistants, door-keeper and librarian, are in charge. At present, games and books are provided, and other methods of amusement as well as instructive employment will follow as the work develops and means are provided. The enrollment quickly passed the century mark, and has now reached 185, with additional enrollments each evening. Visitors will be cordially welcomed and volunteer workers—readers, reciters, story tellers, and instrumentalists—at this time doubly so.

"It is estimated between \$2 and \$3 will provide for a boy for a year in the club.

"Will you not provide for a boy?" "It may be the making of a worthy member of the community, instead of a loafer and criminal.

"Better still—take two or more boys as your share by subscribing \$5 or more, thereby becoming under our by-laws a member of the association and adding the moral support of your name to the substantial recognition you give to the work.

"Allow us to hope that you will not permit this great cause to go unaided, if you can contribute any sum, however insignificant it may seem to you. In no field of use is the adage that 'an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure' more important than in charity and philanthropy. Save the boys."

"Kindly forward cash contributions to the financial secretary, William Haywood, 1712 I Street northwest, to whom checks should be made payable."

First Club Opened.

The association has opened at Thirty-first and M Streets the first of the group of boys' clubs which it hopes to establish in different sections of the city where needed. J. Z. Yoder is now superintendent in charge, with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Butler as doorkeeper and librarian, respectively. The board of directors is composed of Prof. John W. Chickering, president; Prof. James Howard Gore, vice president; Eugene E. Stevens, secretary; William Haywood, financial secretary; Mrs. Giles S. Rafter, treasurer; Mrs. Marguerite Dupont Lee, and Albert N. Prentiss. The club already has nearly 200 boys enrolled, and the rooms are crowded each evening (except Sunday) from 7 to 9 o'clock.

"Additional games, children's books and magazines, illustrated papers, especially of the comic sort, will be appreciated, and any having such to donate are requested to send same to the club in care of Superintendent Yoder, or to communicate with A. N. Prentiss, chairman, 605 Twenty-first Street northwest. The work greatly needs a number of volunteer helpers at this time, and any who are willing to lend a hand by attendance at the club at stated times should communicate with Mrs. Marguerite Dupont Lee, chairman, 1323 New Hampshire Avenue. Visitors are cordially welcome at the club any evening.

Contributors to the Work.

"Those to whose substantial support the city is indebted for the establishment of this important work are the following men and women: Mrs. Francis B. Austin, Mrs. Lars Anderson, Col. George L. Andrews, Miss Mary Addison, Mrs. F. W. Andrews, Mrs. E. B. Alsop, Caroline L. Allen, Mrs. H. B. Anderson, Mrs. Murray Addison, James K. Ash, Mrs. W. J. Boardman, Woodbury Blair, Anna C. Barber, Mrs. A. C. Barney, Mrs. A. L. Barber, A. A. Birney, May S. S. Bradley, Mrs. Samuel R. Bond, Mrs. M. A. Bryson, Mrs. George L. Bradley, Mrs. J. S. Benton, Mrs. C. E. Blunt, Mrs. Mary Ball, Alex. Burton, A. Y. Bradley, John B. Corning, Mrs. W. E. Chandler, Mrs. Robert Catlin, Frances Colton, Mrs. John Cassels, Miss H. L. Coyle, Admiral Corby, Miss Cobb, Mrs. L. C. Chew, Mrs. W. H. Clagett, Mac Cohen, E. L. Chapman, John H. Corning, P. C. Clavin, Mrs. L. Clephane, Campbell Carrington, Mrs. John Cropper, Mrs. H. B. Coultidge, Mrs. Ella B. Carr, Mrs. H. R. Catlin, Mrs. Regina Fennell, Mrs. H. W. Fox, James R. Garfield, Mrs. Robert H. Gannell, Thomas T. Gaff, Mary Gwynn, Margaret E. Gale, Mary F. Goldsborough, Mrs. A. W. Gresham, Anna J. Guest, the Rev. Richard L.

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TEXANS HAVE TROUBLE

GETTING THEIR MAIL

Postmistress Shoots Hat Off Citizen's Head.

CARRIER FIRES FUSILLADE

Many Shots Exchanged With Little Damage Beyond Creeping Terror Among the Residents.

Texas patrons of the Postoffice Department are having their troubles these days and are wondering what is going to happen next. Some weeks ago J. L. Bristow, Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, received a complaint from a Texas sheriff that the postmistress of his town had shot off the hat of the leading citizen, who entered the postoffice without taking off his hat, and had positively refused to deliver mail to "niggers and greasers."

Today there was a complaint from another Texas town that a feud between the postmaster and the mail carrier had resulted in the town going without mail for a week, and the citizens felt angry over the matter.

The letter explained that the postmaster had sworn to shoot the carrier and the latter had accepted the challenge. The consequence of this declaration of hostility was that the next time the carrier reached the office the postmaster shot a shot at him and he narrowly escaped going where something besides a civil service record is required for admission. The carrier dropped behind his cause and returned the fire, to the great alarm of the citizens who were whittling sticks outside of the office and discussing crop conditions.

Much Ammunition Wasted.

Much valuable ammunition was expended on both sides but no harm was done, beyond filling the postoffice walls full of leaden bullets. The carrier departed without delivering the letters and the village solons went without their mail. The next day the carrier appeared again, and once more there was an exchange of leaden compliments, resulting in the carrier getting a ball through his ear. Again the carrier departed with the mail undelivered.

On the third day the carrier stayed away. The postmaster decided he could defer the shooting of the carrier, but needed the mail at once, and sent a messenger after it. The carrier had a grudge against the messenger and, dropping behind the mail bags in his wagon, took a shot at him. He got as good as he sent, for the messenger unlimbered and sent the contents of a naval revolver at the carrier. The carrier got a ball through his shoulder and the messenger shot the bolt of a registered mare.

The citizens protest that, because of the warfare, they have not received any mail for a week. They suggest that the department remove the officials, or that they be given leave of absence while they learn to shoot straight enough to remove themselves. An inspector with a reputation as a quick shot has been sent to the scene.

HOTTENTOTS REPULSE

GERMANS IN AFRICA

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 15.—The Germans in German East Africa have not yet succeeded in putting down the Hottentot rising in their territory. An official telegram from the Harthebeest River states that the Hottentots have repulsed a German patrol, wounding two of them. Heavy fighting is expected.

FORTUNE TELLER'S MURDER TO REMAIN A MYSTERY

The murder of Katherine Jordan, the Anastasia negro fortune-teller, on Christmas Eve last, remains a mystery. This is the verdict of the coroner's jury, which, yesterday—nearly a year after the crime—met and gave a verdict of murder by person or persons unknown.

Kate Jordan's throat was cut with a dirk. A desperate struggle, which covered the floors of the little home with blood, preceded the murder, and the woman even followed her assailant to the adjoining house before she expired.

NORTHEAST CITIZENS REGISTER PROTESTS

Commissioners' Street Policy Is Condemned.

SCORE RAILROAD COMPANIES

Present Tax Exemption Law Declared Devoid of Equity and List Asked of Assessor.

The regular December meeting of the Northeast Washington Citizens' Association, held last evening in Northeast Temple, was productive of many protests. The policy of the District Commissioners was condemned, in so far as the desire to narrow improved streets is concerned; the railroad companies interested in the construction of the Union Station were scored for an alleged penurious system of improvement; fault was found with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company for keeping certain crossing gates closed, and the present tax exemption law was declared devoid of equity.

President Evan H. Tucker presided. In commenting on the character of the terminal improvements, he said the policy of the railroad companies is parsimonious and calculated to militate against the beauty of the building. The particular item which worried Mr. Tucker most was the change in plans of the terminal so that tracks will be covered by separate train sheds, instead of having a single shed covering all tracks. He argued that by this new method smoke would percolate into and contaminate the atmosphere for many blocks adjacent to the station. He believed that the smoke which the smoke would be condensed to a far greater degree.

Narrowing of Streets.

Several weeks ago a committee from the Northeast Washington Citizens' Association called on the District Commissioners and demanded that E Street northeast, between Fourth and Eleventh Streets, be left its original width, thirty-five feet. The engineers department had ordered the street narrowed to thirty feet, because of the money-saving effect by not having to pave the extra five feet of space. The Commissioners acknowledged their position wrong and acquiesced in the wishes of the association as expressed by its committee.

Last night the association strongly condemned the policy generally which would even permit the narrowing of any improved street in the District, to say nothing of the city proper. A resolution, offered by S. Sowerbutts, secretary, was adopted, requesting Congress to insert in the act making appropriations for work on streets and avenues in the District for the next fiscal year a provision which will specifically forbid the narrowing of any improved street.

A resolution presented by Mr. Fleming was adopted, calling for the united action of all citizens' associations toward obtaining a better quality of gas in the District. Dr. Walker informed the association that the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad keeping its gates at the Seventh Street crossing closed down after 11 o'clock at night, as it might prevent fire engines having ready access to that part of the city in case of fire. He was instructed to ask the aid of the police in avoiding the nuisance complained of.

Oppose Exemptions.

The final business transacted by the association was by no means the least important. It was this organization which several months ago began the opposition to the present law which exempts from taxation all property of educational, charitable, and religious institutions in the District. Early last fall it adopted a resolution opposing tax exemption except in the case of the Federal Government.

In order to place this opposition on a firmer foundation, the secretary of the association was directed to ask the Tax Assessor to forward to the association a list, including values of all property enjoying tax exemption because of religious, charitable, or educational ownership. The next meeting of the association will be held the third Monday in January.

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POST GRADUATE SCHOOL FOR MAKERS OF ROADS

Chief Dodge Urges One Be Established Here.

FOR PRACTICAL TEACHING

Sample Roads Built in Different Parts of the Country Have Greatly Stimulated Interest.

Martin Dodge, chief of the office of public road inquiries of the Agricultural Department, has submitted his annual report to the Secretary of Agriculture. The report speaks with enthusiasm of the interest which has been aroused of the interest in good roads, and predicts that it will grow rapidly as a result of agitation and the practical lessons taught by the sample roads which have been constructed in all parts of the country.

School for Road Makers.

Mr. Dodge strongly recommends that there be established at Washington a school for road makers. He states that while the colleges and universities turn out hundreds of civil engineers each year very few of the young men have any practical experience in building a road. The consequence is that large amounts of money have been wasted. He suggests that a sort of post graduate school be established in connection with the office of public road inquiries. These lectures would be given by the office experts; laboratory work could be demonstrated, and by taking part in the actual construction of the sample roads the students could get a practical knowledge of the science. The French established such a school in 1847.

Work in Maryland.

A letter from Walter P. Reckford, of Baltimore county, Md., is quoted in the report, in which Mr. Reckford says the sample road in the county has greatly stimulated the interest in good roads, not only because of the advantages it offers, but because of the phenomenal manner in which it has stood unusually heavy hauling without undergoing even casual repair. Since 1896 Maryland has annually appropriated \$10,000 to defray the expenses of a good roads commission.

ATHLETE MCKINNON DEAD.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 15.—News of death of Hugh McKinnon, once a famous athlete, has been received from Dawson, Minn., where he died in the service. From 1871 to 1879 he held the heavyweight championship as an all-around athlete in the United States and Canada.

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TIMES WORD-MAKING CONTEST

FIRST PRIZE, \$100. SECOND PRIZE, \$50. THIRD PRIZE, \$25. FOURTH PRIZE, \$15. FIFTH PRIZE, \$10.

Prizes awarded to those making the greatest number of words from the letters in the chart below. No letter must be used more than once. Contest closes December 19, 1903. Send list of words attached to blank under chart in a sealed envelope. Everyone paying 50 cents for subscription to the Evening or Sunday Times will be entitled to submit a list of words in competition for the prizes. Do not use names of people or places or foreign words. Make words of one syllable only. Check off each letter as it is used. Words must contain not less than two letters and have a distinct definition.

HOW MANY WORDS CAN YOU MAKE OUT OF THESE LETTERS?

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